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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed herewith please find a copy of an International Search Report, and copies of documents cited therein, in connection with International (PCT) Application No. PCT/JP03/06127, filed May 16, 2003, of which the above-identified application is a National Stage application filed under 35 USC §371. Also enclosed are English-language Abstracts of each of the documents cited in the International Search Report, with the exception of Japanese Patent Document No. 52-106363. Further enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(b) are clearly satisfied.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed English-language Abstracts and/or by citation of the documents in the enclosed International Search Report.

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